

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2021

Joseph R. Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Governor Murphy has requested that a federal Major Disaster be declared in response to the Nor'easter that struck our state from January 31, 2021 to February 2, 2021. We strongly urge you to approve this request as expeditiously as possible.

The Nor'easter that began on January 31, 2021 caused blizzard-like conditions, widespread power outages, and a near system-wide suspension of the NJ Transit system. Total snowfall surpassed record levels in Morris, Sussex, and Warren counties, while high winds and high tides caused significant coastal erosion and flooding in Cape May and Ocean counties. The damages that occurred in these counties and the State of New Jersey exceed the per capita threshold to be eligible for assistance.

As our state and local governments continue to battle the COVID pandemic, prompt assistance to help repair the damage from this natural disaster is more critical than ever. We respectfully urge you to approve this request without delay, so our communities and residents can recover from this storm.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



CORY A. BOOKER
United States Senator



ANDY KIM
Member of Congress



TOM MALINOWSKI
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/s/

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